

What is claimed is:

1. A bearing housing comprising:
an annulus having an aft side and a forward side;
a barrier extending from said aft side to said forward side to form a first and second zone;
a first opening in said first zone extending through said forward side; and
a second opening in said second zone extending through said forward side at least a portion of said first opening being at a level lower than a lowermost level of said second opening.
2. The bearing housing of claim 1 wherein said fill level is below a height of said barrier.
3. The bearing housing of claim 2 wherein said second zone is bounded by said barrier, said aft side, said forward side, and said fill level.
4. The bearing housing of claim 3 wherein said second zone has a volume equal to an amount of retained oil equal to a retained oil requirement of said bearing housing.
5. The bearing housing of claim 1 wherein said first opening and said second opening are radially disposed about said forward side.
6. The bearing housing of claim 1 wherein said barrier comprises a blocking element and an air pipe attached to an upper portion of said blocking element.
7. A method of draining and pooling oil in an annulus comprising the steps of:
forming an annulus from an aft side and a forward side;
providing a barrier extending from said aft side to said forward side at a height to form a first and second zone;
forming a first opening extending through said forward side at least a portion of said first opening located below a fill level;
forming a second opening extending through said forward side and located above said fill level; and

evacuating oil through said first opening from said first zone and pooling oil in said second zone.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein providing said barrier comprises providing said barrier at said height above said fill level.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein forming said first and said second opening comprises the steps of :

disposing in radial fashion said first opening about said forward side; and
disposing in radial fashion said second opening about said forward side.